



*e tipu e rea* In our children lies our future

# NEWSLETTER



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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Wheels Day every Wednesday	
Environment Day	14 August
Parentlink Sausage Sizzle	14 August
Walk 'n' Wheels to School	19 August
Next Parentlink Meeting 7.00 pm followed by a Fair Information wine and cheese get together at 7.30 pm	20 August
Abacus Fundraiser Order Forms due back	21 August
Skipping September	All September
Sushi Day	4 September
School Production	23 September
Last Day of Term 3	25 September

## COMING UP

### Term 4

School Photographs	21 October
Learning Community Fair	22 November

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Guten Tag, Vanakkam, ni Hao, Kia orana, Buenos Tardes, Kia ora, Namaste, πρεvet, Shalom, Talofa, Konichiwa, Assalamulaikum, Salam, Hello

I know you know this already, but I just wanted to remind you that you have wonderful children and we are so fortunate to have them as our students. Friday's welcome/powhiri was an amazing event and once again our students shone. The wairua/spirit/atmosphere was calm, warm and uplifting. We received a great deal of positive feedback from our manuhiri/visitors. Our students have become more familiar and comfortable with this process and their role in it. They are also developing the understanding that a powhiri is a uniquely New Zealand way of welcoming others. We were able to call on the expertise within our One Learning Community and it was a huge bonus to have Nani McCluskey, Vienna and Timmy supporting us. Thanks to Wendy for all her work behind the scenes ensuring our hospitality was spot on. Thank you also to the parents/caregivers who helped us walk to the movies. We were grateful for the sunshine. It was a terrific way to end the week.

Please join us in the staffroom for our usual Parentlink Meeting at 7.00 pm next Thursday 20 August. Following this at 7.30 pm, a One Learning Community Fair information evening for everyone interested in hearing more about the fair, how it works and how you can be involved. Wine and cheese will be served.....ALSO, every person that attends this get together will go in the draw for two Robbie Williams "Let Me Entertain You Tour", 2015 tickets for 31 October at the Basin Reserve. Let's make this Fair the best ever – see you next Thursday!

From time to time I have students visit my office to share their special achievements. Traditionally I have posted out a green postcard to share this news with you however, I'm having a go at composing text messages with the students, and sending them out to you via our student management system. I hope you get one soon.

At the moment we have four teachers training in the Incredible Years for Teachers programme. Julia and Sara started last term and Rowena and Sylvia have started this term. You will notice the faces of our regular relievers in classrooms most Thursdays during this time. The benefits for our students are a consistent approach across the school in regards to classroom behaviour and self-management.

Don't forget your gumboots tomorrow for Enviro Day, we are weeding, mulching and finding out about tracking tunnels.

Ngā mihi,  
Tineke and the team

P.S. Keep an eye out next week for the next edition of the Board News....

## WELCOME

To Nathan Barrie who joined children in Room 5 this week. Welcome also to Nathan's family to our school community.

To Francesca and Ella our two teacher trainees who will be based in Room 1 and 3 respectively for the next seven weeks.

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## THANKS

To all the wonderful parents who accompanied us to the movies on Friday. We hope you enjoyed your afternoon as much as the children did.

To Danielle (Abacus and Lucia's mum) for applying for a grant to Hellers on behalf of Parentlink. Great news we have been successful with the grant and Hellers are supplying the sausages for the bbq free to us for our One Learning Community Fair.

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## BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Athena LaGrange 17/8



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## VIRTUES

We continue to focus on the virtue of "Flexibility" or "Ngawari-wari".

You are practising Flexibility when you...

- ☺ Are willing to change bad habits
- ☺ Try imaginative new ways to do things
- ☺ Don't insist on always getting your way
- ☺ Can adjust when something unexpected happens
- ☺ Go with the flow. Trust the unexpected.

Next week the focus is "Confidence" or "Maia".

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## TE KUPU O TE WIKI

**Oho = awake**

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## WALK 'N' WHEELS DAY

Next Wednesday 19 August is Walk 'n' Wheels Day where we encourage everyone to either walk, cycle or scooter to school. Certificates will be issued. Please ensure that helmets and protective clothing are worn for all "wheels".



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## PARENTLINK

### Abacus Fundraiser

Your child/ren have created amazing artwork in class which can be transformed into professionally printed 2016 calendars, cards, diaries, notepads and now also including mouse mats! These items make fantastic, unique gifts and are perfect for posting overseas!

Your children's artwork and sample products can be viewed at the school office. Please return your order form with correct payment to the school office **by Friday 21 August.**

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You can also pay online to the Parentlink Account:

**06 0577 0112365 00. Please reference: "Abacus and your child's name and room number"**

Cheques payable to Owhiro Bay School Parentlink

We hope to have your order back to you by the end of this term. Every order makes a return to our school fundraising so thanks for your support.

Art Calendar	\$10.00
Photo Calendar	\$12.00
Cards (8 pkt)	\$12.00
Diaries	\$15.00
Notepads	\$12.00
Mouse Mats	\$15.00

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## Sausage Sizzle tomorrow – Friday 14 August

The next sausage sizzle is tomorrow - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

Thank you to Kim Lau and Inka Jackson for their helping with this tomorrow.



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## Community Notices

### Big Marine Reserve Dive and Rockpool Treasure Hunt - Sun 16th August

Celebrate the 7 year anniversary of the Taputeranga Marine Reserve with FoTMR

Sun 16th August, Princess Bay  
Big Dive (\$5 donation to Trust) - meet 9.45am (briefing at 10:00am)  
Rockpool Treasure Hunt - from 10.30am

"The Big Dive" Ample parking, safe dive site, toilets and changing room. \$5 donation per diver to go to the Friends Trust and to go into the draw for a prize. Hot drink and BBQ buns after the dive.

"Treasure Hunt". Families are shown a slate of the critters to find in the rock pools and come back with photo evidence to win prizes. Run by Island Bay Marine Education Centre and runs from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Backup date is Sunday August 23rd. Register your interest by email to [wellington.underwater@gmail.com](mailto:wellington.underwater@gmail.com) <mailto:wellington.underwater@gmail.com> so we can advise numbers and keep you updated about weather conditions.

Also, FoTMR invite you to a SPEAKERS EVENT held at Island Bay Surf Club on Wednesday August 19th 7pm to 8.30pm. 5 speakers of about 10 minutes each. The speakers will include marine ecology students talking about what they are doing and studying within the reserve. Cup of tea and biscuits afterwards.

For queries or further information email to [enquiries@taputeranga.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@taputeranga.org.nz) <mailto:enquiries@taputeranga.org.nz>

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